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DURING JULY 24 CONVERSATION WITH ACTING HEAD WESTERN DEPARTMENT FONOFF (KILLICK) EMBOFF WAS ABLE RAISE WITHOUT EMBARRASSMENT QUESTION OF REPORTED PERSONAL MESSAGES FROM KHRUSHCHEV TO MACMILLAN AND DE GAULLE. KILLICK'S FRANK AND OPEN COMMENTS INDICATED NO HESITATION ON HIS PART TO DISCUSS MESSAGES AND GAVE IMPRESSION HE ASSUMED US GOVT ALREADY FULLY INFORMED.

KILLICK SAID THAT MESSAGE TO MACMILLAN WAS DELIVERED ORALLY BY GROMYKO TO LLOYD IN GENEVA TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER CONFERENCE RESUMED FORTNIGHT AGO. MESSAGE WAS SHORT AND "FAINTLY THREATENING" AND ESSENTIALLY THAT KHRUSHCHEV MEANT BUSINESS ON BERLIN AND GDR. KILLICK ADDED THAT, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FONOFF LONDON, SIMILAR ORAL MESSAGE TRANSMITTED ABOUT SAME TIME TO FRENCH BY VINOGRADOV IN PARIS. KILLICK AGREED EMBOFF THAT IN VIEW OF NATURE OF MESSAGE AND RESPECTIVE ATTITUDES OF THOSE TO WHOM IT ADDRESSED, IT SEEMED PECULIAR THAT KHRUSHCHEV HAD CHOSEN BOTH MACMILLAN AND DE GAULLE, AND ALSO THAT NO MESSAGE SENT SECRETARY HERTER.

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